Uttaranchal as a Tribal Area

263. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to declare Uttaranchal in U.P. as a tribal area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) This Ministry has not received any request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to declare Uttaranchal in Uttar Pradesh as a tribal area. However, Shri Bachi Singh Rawat, M.P., had raised this matter under Rule 377 in Lok Sabha on 24.7.96 regarding need to declare Uttaranchal in Uttar Pradesh as tribal area.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh have been requested to furnish the factual position and their comments to declare Uttaranchal in U.P. as a tribal Area. The information is still awaited from the State Government. The same will be laid, as and when received on the Table of the House.

आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गो के लिए योजनाएं

264. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान सरकार द्वारा आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्गो के लिए प्रतिवर्ष प्रारम्भ की गई राज्य-वार/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र-वार कल्याण योजनाओं और इनके लिए किए गए आवंटनों का ब्यौरा क्या हैं,

(ख) क्या ऐसी योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन हेतु आवंटित धनराशि का पूर्ण उपयोग नहीं किया गया हैं, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया) : पिछले तीन वर्षो के लिए राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रवाउर निर्मुक्तियों को दर्शानें वाला ब्यौरा अनुपत्र में दिया हैं। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 180, अनुपत्र संख्या 7]

(ख) और (ग) संबंधित राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से पिछले वर्षो के उपयोग प्रमाण पत्रों के साथ सिफारिशों के प्राप्त हो जाने के पश्चात् निधियां निर्मुक्त की जाती है।

Proposal to review and enlarge the 15-Point Programme for Minorities

265. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to review and if necessary, enlarge the 15-point programme for the minorities;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far;

(c) the details of the problems of minorities in relation to education, employment and opporunitics for economic betterment; and

(d) the manner in which these problems arc proposed to be solved?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) The Common Minimum Programme states that the Govt, will review and if necessary, enlarge the 15-Point Programme for the minorities. Accordingly, the 15-Point Programme is under process of review. Meanwhile all measures arc taken to improve the monitoring of the programme through Central Ministries and State Govts.

(c) A large action of minority community consisting of Muslims prefer to send their children to Madrasas. The existing educational pattern does not include subjects related to the Physical and Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Their emphasis being on. the Arabic language and Theology, it docs not

prepare them to become capable of securing employment in different sectors of the economy.

(d).(O Govt, of India has been implementing a Scheme of Modernisation of Madrasa Education since 1993 through the Dcptt. of Education. Funds of Rs. 167.00 lakhs has been spent on the Scheme by Dcptt. of Education, Ministry of HRD. The objective of the Scheme is to encourage educational institutions like Madrasas and Maktabs to introduce Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum for which financial assistance is provided by Govt, of India.

(ii) Multi-Sectoral Plans are being prepared for 41 districts which have 20% or more of its population consisting of minority communities to provide forward and backward linkages to craftsman engaged in conspicuous trades or crafts in such districts.

(iii) Efforts are being made to provide technical skills through Industrial Training Institutes and Polytechnics in minority concentration districts top people belonging to minority communities so as to improve their productivity and efficiency. This would enhance their earning level and bring economic betterment.

(iv) National Minority Development Finance Corporation has been set up on 30.9.94 to provide loans and assistance to people belonging to minority communities at concessional rates of interest. With the help of these loans people belonging to minority communities would be able to generate self-employment opportunities for their economic betterment. This Corporation has been provided with an equity share capital of Rs. 125.00 crores by Govt, of India during the Eighth Five Year Plan

(v) To ensure that candidates belonging to Minority Communities become capable of competing in equal terms with other candidates in Competitive examinations held by varic s Public Service Commissions. Banks. Insurance Companies and Public Sector Undertakings a Prc-cxamination Coaching Scheme is being implemented for weaker sections based on economic criteria for other Backward Classes including Minorities by Ministry of Welfare. Under this Scheme a provision of Rs. 2.00 crores has been made for 1996-97. This is expected to provide proportionate representation in various employment opportunities.

(vi) The National Commission for Minorities has been set up as a statutory body under an Act of Parliament for effective implementation of safeguards for protection of interests of Minorities.

Various Welfare Schemes for Tribal Women and Children

266. SHRI PARAG CHAL1HA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes launched by Government during the